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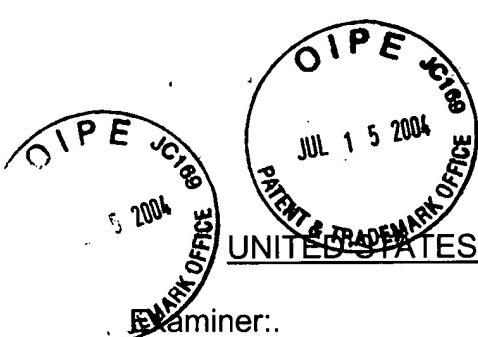
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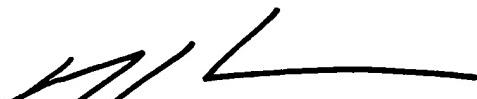
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- In accordance with the Duty of Disclosure, Applicant(s) submit(s) herewith a copy of a Foreign Search Report in a counterpart application and copies of the reference(s) indicated therein.
- In the event that the Foreign Search Report is in a foreign language, a translation thereof is herewith submitted.
- Attached hereto is a FORM PTO 1449 listing the references.
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- Attached hereto are copies of references cited which may be pertinent to this application. Since the references are in the English language, no statement of relevancy is submitted.
- Attached hereto is a copy of the Office Action issued in the corresponding German and European applications, together with a translation thereof and copies of the references cited therein. A list of the cited references is also attached.
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Respectfully submitted,



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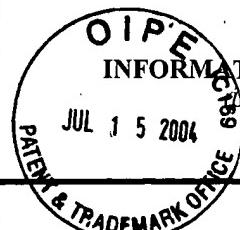


Relevance of DE 201 21 763 U1 for Gerstner

This reference discloses an apparatus for testing a pane-like workpiece, especially a glass pane, for surface and interior faults or defects, in which a detector, especially a photo camera, scans a continuously moving workpiece and takes at least two photographs and after that the multiple photographs of each section are compared with each other. The method of this reference comprises illuminating the defects or fault using a combination of a bright field light source 5 and a dark field light source 7.

However this reference cannot be used by itself to reject the invention of the Gerstner patent as anticipated or obvious because it does not disclose or suggest detection of signals from only a certain partial volume of the workpiece. Instead the workpiece teaches illumination of the entire volume of the workpiece as it moves past the light sources. The present advantages benefits from illumination of only a partial volume in order to determine the location of the defect or fault more easily.

Also the Gebrauchsmusterschrift itself was only published on June 5, 2003, but the priority date of 10/812,161 is April 4, 2003, the application date of 103 16 707.2 in Germany. However there is an earlier reference DE 101 02 557.2 with the same subject matter, which has a disclosure date of August 1, 2002.


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